

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Czarnecki et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

## REMARKS

This Communication is being submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated October 31, 2006 with respect to the above-identified patent application.

Please note that Applicants received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated October 29, 2004 and subsequently paid the issue fee and soft copy fee on December 14, 2004 (copy attached). Applicants then received a Notice of Withdrawal From Issue Under 37 CFR 1.313(b) mailed from the Patent Office on February 16, 2005 (copy attached) which states that if the application is again found allowable, the issue fee can be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified on the new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due upon written request. Applicants respectfully request that the issue fee and soft copy fee paid on December 14, 2004 be applied toward the new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated October 31, 2006.

Applicants believe there are no fees due and owing with respect to the above-identified patent application. If any fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

Respectfully submitted,

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